

The Message

There are communities around the United States that believe housing discrimination is so deeply rooted that nothing can be done about it, while there are others that question whether it even exists. The headlines below evince that despite present fair housing laws discrimination in housing is very much alive and reaching closer and closer to home.

In Arkansas, a mother and son team (real estate broker and homeowner) are charged with violation of the Fair Housing Act for refusing to sell a home to an African-American couple and rejecting their offer of \$135,900 while accepting the considerably lower offer of \$130,000 made by a white male.

In Delaware and Maryland, builders of three apartment complexes violated the Fair Housing Act by designing the complexes in a manner that left them inaccessible to people with disabilities. Two complexes were built with ground floor units that had a step at each main door and the interior doorways were too narrow to accommodate wheel-chairs. All three complexes lacked disabled-accessible pedestrian links between public streets. The punishment? \$810,000!

In Chicago, a man was charged with violating the Fair Housing Act when he harassed and intimidated his neighbors based on their national origin (Israel and Mexico) and religion (Jewish). The man admitted to his neighbors that he hated Jews and proceeded to continuously torment his Jewish neighbors for five years by throwing bottles and garbage, yelling obscenities, and exposing himself to their daughter.

In Tennessee, a single mother and her young son will receive a total of \$18,000 in damages to settle a federal housing discrimination lawsuit against a Gallatin apartment complex. Under the settlement, the owners and managers will receive training on the Fair Housing Act.



For more information about Fair Housing visit:
http://www.nashville.gov/mdha/fair_housing.htm



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Tennessee Fair Housing Matters Conference

Coming together...

METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AGENCY
METROPOLITAN HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
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TENNESSEE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

*...to meet the challenge of
combating housing discrimination
through education.*

**Friday, April 21, 2006
Willis Conference Center
Nashville, TN
8:00 a.m. - 4:10 p.m.**

Registration 8:00 - 8:20

Greetings/ Remarks 8:20 - 8:50

Phil Ryan, Executive Director
Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency

Opening Plenary Session 8:50 - 9:30

Kim Kendrick, Assistant Secretary
HUD-Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Invited

Ted Fellman, Executive Director
Tennessee Housing Development Agency

This conference features plenary sessions plus several breakout sessions.
You will be able to tailor your training between tracks to fit your individual needs.

Track I

9:30 - 11:00

Reasonable Accommodations & Modifications:

Leveling and Widening the Playing Field

9:30 - 11:00

Traditional and Non-Traditional Mortgage Lending

The Helpful Loan vs. The Potentially Harmful Loan

Lunch 11:00 - 11:50

Keynote Address 11:50 - 12:30

Shanna Smith, Executive Director
National Fair Housing Alliance, Washington, D.C.

Break

12:30 - 12:40

12:40 - 2:10

Emerging Fair Housing Issues:

Familial Status, Sex Discrimination and Survivors of Domestic
Violence

Break

2:10 - 2:20

(Move to next breakout)

2:20 - 4:10

Rental Housing Challenges for Non-Citizens

Immigration Status and Documentation Issues

Break

12:30 - 12:40

12:40 - 2:10

Fair Housing Issues in Home Ownership

Steering, Insurance Redlining and Mortgage Discrimination

Break

2:10 - 2:20

(Move to next breakout)

2:20 - 4:10

Development of Affordable Rental Housing

The Challenges of Meeting the Need

Directions to Willis Conference Center: Take I-40 East (toward Knoxville) to Briley Pkwy North/ Opryland. Exit 215B. Go 1/2 mile to Elm Hill Pike, Exit 7. Turn right on Elm Hill Pike. At the second light, turn right onto McGavock Pike. Turn right at the next light onto Century Blvd. Turn right into One Century Place. Turn left into the parking lot.
(<http://www.meetatwillis.com/maps.htm>)

Track II

Registration Form
(Please duplicate for additional Registrants)

Name

Organization

Real Estate License Number – eight (8) hours CE

Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone

E-mail

Please indicate disability or language needs:



Sign Language will be provided.

Registration fee of **\$32.00**
includes continental breakfast,
continuous coffee, beverages and snacks, lunch*,
materials, and free parking.
*Please indicate special dietary needs.

NOTE: Registrations received
after April 17, 2006, will be **\$50.00**

Please register early, seating is limited.

MAIL PAYMENT AND REGISTRATION FORM TO:

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